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writing the conditions (in addition to those provided in the regulations in this part) under which the fellowships are to be awarded and held.

§ 61.5 Qualifications.

In order to qualify for a regular fellowship, an applicant must:

- (a) Meet the Public Health Service requirements of general suitability, including professional and personal fitness.
- (b) Have been accepted by a public or other nonprofit institution for the purpose of the activity for which the fellowship is sought.
- (c) Be free from any disease or disability that would interfere with the accomplishment of the fellowship purpose.
- (d) If a citizen or noncitizen national of the United States, sign and file with the Surgeon General the following statement:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all its enemies, foreign and domestic.

(e) Comply with such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Surgeon General.

§61.6 Method of application.

Application for a regular fellowship shall be made on forms prescribed by the Surgeon General. In addition to the information supplied by the applicant in his application, such further information may be required as is necessary to determine his qualifications and fitness.

§61.7 Review of applications; committees; awards.

The Surgeon General shall appoint one or more fellowship committees to examine the qualifications of applicants for fellowships and the merits of their proposals for research, training, or special scientific projects. A fellowship committee shall submit to the Surgeon General its recommendations concerning appointments. Awards of regular fellowships shall be made in writing by the Surgeon General.

§ 61.8 Benefits: Stipends; dependency allowances; travel allowances; vacation.

Individuals awarded regular fellowships shall be entitled to such of the following benefits as are authorized for the particular series of fellowship:

- (a) Stipend.
- (b) Dependency allowances.
- (c) When authorized in advance, separate allowances for travel. Such allowances may not exceed amounts prescribed by the Surgeon General for
- (1) Travel to the place where the fellow is to be located during the fellow-ship term, and
- (2) Travel to return the fellow at the end of the fellowship term to his home or other place he left to carry out the fellowship, provided that (unless otherwise prescribed by the Surgeon General) such return travel is to or from a place outside the continental United States.

No allowances will be granted for shipping personal effects or household goods and no allowances will be granted for transporting dependents, except as authorized by the Surgeon General for travel undertaken by dependents (spouse and/or dependent children only) to or from a place outside the continental United States where the fellow is to be located during the fellowship term and for return from such place or except as otherwise prescribed by the Surgeon General for a particular series of fellowships.

(d) Vacation. Stipends and allowances will not be increased, or be paid beyond the term of a fellowship, on account of vacation an individual might have been entitled to but did not take.

§ 61.9 Payments: Stipends; dependency allowances; travel allowances.

Payments for stipends, dependency allowances, and the travel allowances specified in §61.8 may be made directly to the fellow or to the sponsoring institution for payment to the fellow.

§ 61.10 Benefits: Tuition and other expenses.

The Surgeon General may authorize allowances for payment of expenses, in whole or in part, of tuition, fees, equipment, supplies, attendance at meetings required to carry out the purposes of